GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2262
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2017
Slow Progress of Railway Projects
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken the responsibility of increasing loss of Railways due to the slow progress of railway projects;

(b) if so, the details of such railway projects which are lagging behind;

(c) whether the target of doubling of all railway lines has not been completed till the year, 2016;

(d) if so, the target achieved in kilometres till December, 2016; and

(e) whether any assessment of loss has been made in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2262 BY SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2017 REGARDING SLOW PROGRESS OF RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a) & (b): Majority of railway projects are facing the situation of cost overrun, as completion of a railway project is dependent upon acquisition of land, obtaining statutory clearances like forestry and wild life clearances, shifting of services, cutting of trees, construction of road over bridges and road under bridges by road maintaining agencies etc. which needs involvement of various Ministries and Departments of State/Central Governments. Railways cannot be considered solely responsible for loss being incurred due to slow progress of projects, as many of these factors involve participation of departments/agencies other than Railways.

(c) to (e): The overall targets of commissioning of BG track by way of New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling is 2800 Km during 2016-17. Till December 2016, Indian Railways has commissioned 1706 Km of section which comprises 423 Km of New Line, 695 Km of Gauge Conversion and 588 Km of Doubling. There has been a shortfall in Doubling which has been made good in other areas.

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